

REMARKS

Claims 28-30, 32-40 and 46-68 are pending in the application.

Claims 32-36 have been objected to.

Claims 28-30, 37-40 and 46-68 have been allowed.

Claims 32, 34, and 36 have been amended.

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Claims 32-36 were objected to as being dependent upon a canceled base claim. These claims have been amended to depend on pending claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants believe this objection has been overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

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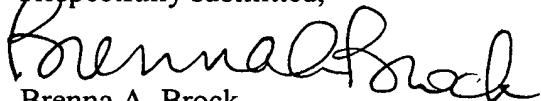


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